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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Atkinson, N. H.



RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, REPORTS
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1915.

AMESBURY:
Amesbury Daily News Print
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, HIGHWAY
AGENTS, AND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

Town of Atkinson, N. H.

For the Year Ending February 15

1915

TOGETHER WITH

THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1914 AS
PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Jay M. Goodrich

Clerk

George A. Page

Selectmen

Eugene E. Sawyer,

George B. Freeman,

Abner C. Akeley

Treasurer

George A. Page

Collector

Samuel N. Little

Highway Agent

Walter A. Barnum

Board of Health

George B. Mason,

Arthur H. Sawyer,

Benn R. Heald

Fire Warden

John H. Smith

Constable

Walter B. Lang

Special Police

John K. Mason

Auditors

Charles I. Pressey,

George A. Sawyer

Representative to General Court

George A. Page

Trustees of Public Library

Herbert N. Sawyer,

George E. Gilbert

Charles B. Wheeler

School Committee

Herbert N. Sawyer,

Charles I. Pressey,

Harold N. Cross

Superintendent of Schools

Howard L. Winslow

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson in the County
of Rockingham in the said State, qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall in
said town on Tuesday the 9th day of March next at ten
of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following
subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for
the ensuing year.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be
deemed necessary for repairing highways.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise the

amount required to secure State Aid for permanent road building.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise the amount required to secure State Aid for permanent road maintenance.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) or any part thereof to make repairs upon the highway between Guy W Currier's and the Hampstead line.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to hire, with the approval of the Selectmen, such sums of money as he may need for general purposes in anticipation of taxes.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars or any part thereof above that required by law for the support of the Public Library.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.

Article 9. To hear the report of agents, auditors, or committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to lease the field land of Library property for the purpose of tillage.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars or any part thereof for repairs on Library building.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars or any part thereof to be expended with the town of Plaistow in building a cement bridge over brook on Plaistow line on East Road.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise a

sum of money for the repairs of North Broadway in the south part of town.

Article 14. To see what the town will vote to do in regard to the road near the Pound and appropriate money for the same.

Article 15. (By request). To see if the town will vote to abolish using the sides of the highway as a dumping ground and have a place provided for the same.

Article 16. (By request). To see if the town will vote to choose and instruct a sexton to have charge of the cemetery and make appropriation for the same.

Article 17. (By request). To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home Week and make any appropriation for the same.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars to repair the road leading from highway to Conley's Grove.

Article 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to removing the trees in Todd lot in cemetery and make appropriation for the same.

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,
ABNER C. AKELEY,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,
ABNER C. AKELEY,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$272,219 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	65,748 00
Valuation of horses, resident 133,	14,310 00
Valuation of oxen, resident 4,	250 00
Valuation of cows, resident 278,	12,291 00
Valuation of neat stock, resident 40,	1,489 00
Valuation of hogs, resident 7,	67 00
Valuation of fowls, resident 685,	567 00
Valuation of vehicles, resident 16,	3,775 00
Valuation of vehicles, non-resident 1,	200 00
Valuation of portable mills, 1,	125 00
Valuation of boats and launches, 1,	250 00
Valuation of wood and lumber, non-resident,	1,700 00
Valuation of wood and lumber, resident,	908 00
Valuation of stock in trade,	2,050 00
Valuation of mills and machinery,	3,500 00
Valuation of power line,	5,500 00
Valuation of flowage rights, Island Pond,	1,600 00
Money at interest,	2,749 00
	\$389,298 00
Polls, 117,	234 00
	\$389,532 00

On which the selectmen have assessed the following:

State tax,	\$ 704 00
County tax,	622 99
Town charges,	600 00
Highways,	910 16

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State aid, permanent road,	182 00
Repairs, permanent road,	72 00
Special for East road,	500 00
Special for road machine,	250 00
Library by vote,	40 00
Library by law,	21 20
School tax by law,	660 00
School tax by vote,	940 00
School tuitions,	600 00
School repairs,	100 00
School desks,	100 00
School supplies,	130 00
School flags,	10 00
Salary, treasurer,	12 00
Overlay,	77 50
	\$6,531 65

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer as follows:

School board on account of schools,	\$1,600 00
School board on account of tuitions,	600 00
School board on account of repairs,	100 00
School board on account of desks,	100 00
School board on account of supplies,	130 00
School board on account of flags,	10 00
School board on account of salaries,	12 00
	\$2,552 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX

James L. Parker, county treasurer,	\$ 622 99
George E. Farrar, state treasurer,	704 00
	\$1,326 99

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CEMETERY FUND

Abraham A. Dow, care of W. C. Todd lot,	\$3 00
Abraham A. Dow, care of Sarah E. Knight lot,	2 00
Abraham A. Dow, care of Caroline Upton lot,	2 00
Abraham A. Dow, care of Mary M. Tolman lot,	3 00
E. E. Sawyer, labor on Sarah E. Knight lot,	4 25
	\$14 25

SPECIAL CEMETERY APPROPRIATION

E. E. Sawyer, labor,	\$8 70
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SPECIAL MOTH APPROPRIATION

George E. Gilbert, cutting moth nests,	\$22 00
Charles B. Wheeler, spraying town trees,	81 25
	\$103 25

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

Walter A. Barnum, labor on Hall's bridge,	\$ 8 94
Walter A. Barnum, labor on Depot bridge,	4 56
Conley & Parker, plank and ties,	33 21
Northeast Metal Culvert Co., pipe,	72 40
Freight on pipe,	1 33
	\$120 44

ROAD MACHINE

United Construction Co., road machine,	\$175 00
Freight on machine,	4 76
W. A. Barnum, expense to Concord,	5 00
	\$184 76

PERMANENT ROAD

New permanent road,	\$ 978 53
Repairs on permanent road,	27 84
	\$1,006 37

HALL RENT

Grange Hall Association, bal. to March 1, 1914,	\$ 64 45
Grange Hall Association, on account rent due March 1, 1915,	62 76
	\$127 21

HIGHWAYS

Walter A. Barnum, labor and supplies,	\$487 21
SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR EAST ROAD	
Walter A. Barnum, labor and supplies,	\$655 35

ABATEMENTS

Ambrose D. Aldrich, soldiers' exemption,	\$1,000 00
Abraham A. Dow, soldiers' exemption,	1,000 00
Samuel B. Mason, soldiers' exemption,	1,000 00
Edson E. Peaslee, taxed in Plaistow,	\$ 5 70
George H. Moody, stock in trade,	11 41
Mrs. Olive Noyes, watering trough,	3 00
Samuel B. Mason, watering trough, 1913,	2 50
Samuel B. Mason, watering trough, 1914,	2 00
	\$24 61

SNOW BILL

Walter A. Barnum,	\$121 95
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SALARY

Town officers,	\$330 00
State officers,	52 00
	\$382 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Edson C. Eastman, order books, etc.,	\$ 4 65
Amesbury Publishing Co., reports,	33 00
Dudley & Sawyer, report on flowage at Island Pond,	15 54
Expense for same,	4 00
Fred P. Wright, repairs on Library building,	12 00
O. L. Whittaker, making voting booths,	9 76
E. E. Peaslee, lumber for voting booths,	7 32
John K. Mason, special police,	7 00
George E. Gilbert, labor on Library property,	2 14
A. C. Akeley, repairs on Library building,	9 90
Interest,	4 00
Eugene E. Sawyer, postage and telephone,	5 00
George A. Page, stationery,	2 50
Abner C. Akeley, expense, meeting tax commission,	5 00
George B. Freeman, expense, meeting tax commission,	5 00
George E. Wright, care of tramps,	3 00
Haverhill Sign Co., signs,	3 00
	\$132 81

RECAPITULATION

Unexpended balances, 1914,	\$ 604 61
Amount in collector's warrant,	6,530 66
Received from State	

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Railroad tax,	169 56
Savings bank tax,	205 46
Literary fund,	60 72
Proportion of school fund,	538 20
Insurance tax,	9 00
Permanent road,	312 16
Hay on Library land,	25 00
Town of Hampstead, part expense of assessment of flowage rights,	8 73
E. E. Sawyer, crushed stone,	3 00
	\$8,467 10

Paid out as follows

School board,	\$2,552 00
State and county tax,	1,326 99
Cemetery lots, care of,	14 25
Special cemetery appropriation,	8 70
Special moth appropriation,	103 25
Bridges and culverts,	120 44
Road machine,	184 76
Permanent road,	1,006 37
Hall rent,	127 21
Highways,	487 21
Highways East road,	655 35
Abatements,	24 61
Snow bill,	121 95
Salary,	382 00
Miscellaneous,	132 81

	\$7,247 90
Unexpended balances, 1915,	445 18
	\$7,693 08

Selectmen's balance,

774 02

\$8,467 10

EUGENE E. SAWYER.
GEORGE B. FREEMAN,
ABNER C. AKELEY,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

REPORT STATE TAX COMMISSION 1914

Concord, N. H., February 8, 1915.

To the Selectmen:—

We suggest that you cause the following extract from the report of the Tax Commission for 1914 to be printed in your town report this spring. It may tend to economy in town appropriations.

Very truly,

State Tax Commission,

By W. B. Fellows, Secretary.

INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislators and magistrates * * * to countenance and inculcate the principles of * * * economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estate repre-

sent about 95 per cent. and all other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was \$5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was \$8,765,039.07, an increase of \$3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was \$924,388.79, or 17 per cent. greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was \$2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent. greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent., the other increased only about $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:—

1904	.....	\$34,459.91
1905	.....	286,590.14
1906	.....	115,468.39
1907	.....	411,257.46
1908	.....	76,612.89
1909	.....	539,995.97
1910	.....	787,565.31
1911	.....	215,848.50
1912	.....	296,216.85
1913	.....	627,603.43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was \$336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was \$184,877.76; for the last five years it was \$493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the per capita standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed \$12.88 in taxes for each man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed \$14.75 for each individual, and in five years more \$20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of \$100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like \$100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer charges himself with	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1914,	\$ 970 84
Received from State	
Insurance tax,	9 00
Railroad tax,	169 56
Savings bank tax,	205 46
Literary fund,	60 72
Proportion of school fund,	538 20
State highway appropriation,	312 16
Town clerk, dog licenses,	104 40
Collector of taxes, 1913,	239 15
Collector of taxes, 1914,	5,680 73
Haverhill National bank, borrowed money,	1,962 00
Essex bank, interest on Mary M. Tolman cemetery fund,	3 00
Pentucket Savings bank, W. C. Todd cemetery fund,	3 00
Pentucket Savings bank, Caroline Upton cemetery fund,	2 00
Haverhill Savings bank, S. E. Knight cemetery fund,	6 25
Town of Hampstead, expense, surveying at Island Pond,	8 73
Daniel Richmond cemetery lot,	2 00
George B. Freeman, cemetery lots,	4 00
E. E. Sawyer, hay on town Library land,	25 00
E. E. Sawyer, crushed stone,	3 00
	\$10,309 20

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He credits himself as follows:

Paid selectmen's orders,	\$9,247 90
School treasurer, literary fund,	60 72
Proportion of school fund,	538 20
Balance of dog licenses, 1913,	88 85
	\$9,935 67
Balance in hands of treasurer,	373 53
Due from collector, 1913,	33 07
Due from collector, 1914,	849 93
	\$1,256 53

LIABILITIES

Balance due memorial committee,	\$ 1 05
Cemetery appropriation,	3 59
New cemetery appropriation,	68 09
Highway department,	124 19
Library trustees,	114 30
Repairs for permanent road,	91 29
Fire extinguishers,	27 70
Moth appropriation,	14 90
Due school treasurer, 1915 dog licenses,	104 40
	\$549 51
Balance in favor of the town,	\$707 02
Cemetery funds held in trust by the town:	
S. E. Knight,	\$108 99
W. C. Todd,	329 93
Caroline Upton,	103 12
Mary M. Tolman,	105 39
	\$647 43

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Treasurer.

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COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Dr.

Amount in selectmen's warrant,	\$6,530 66
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Receipts from treasurer, 1913 taxes,	239 15
Receipts from treasurer, 1914 taxes,	5,680 73
Uncollected taxes, 1913,	33 07
Uncollected taxes, 1914,	849 93
	\$6,802 88

SAMUEL N. LITTLE, Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 23, 1915.

The Auditor has examined and audited the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer, and Trustees of the Public Library, and finds these reports to be correctly computed and properly vouched for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER, Auditor.

**CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED DURING YEAR
ENDING FEB. 15, 1915**

A.

Ariadne of Allan Water	Sidney McCall
Abner Daniel,	Will N. Harben

B.

Bedesman 4,	Mary J. H. Shrine
Bert Wilson at the Wheel,	J. W. Duffield
Bert Wilson's Fadeaway Ball,	J. W. Duffield
Bert Wilson—Wireless Operator,	J. W. Duffield
Bert Wilson at Panama,	J. W. Duffield
Bert Wilson's Twin Cyclinder Racer,	J. W. Duffield
Bert Wilson—Marathon Winner,	J. W. Duffield
Bambi,	Marjorie B. Cook
Big Tremaine,	Marie Van Worst
Barnabetta,	Helen R. Martin
Blue Anchor Inn,	Edwin B. Morris

C.

Cap'n Dan's Daughter,	Joseph C. Lincoln
Council for the Defence,	Leroy Scott
Clever Betsy,	Clara L. Burnham

F.

Frank's Campaign,	Horatio Alger, Jr.
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G.

Gilbert Neal,	Will N. Harben
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H.

Hagar,	Mary Johnstone
How It Happened,	Kate D. Boshier

I.

It Happened in Egypt,	C. N. and A. M. Williamson
In the Boyhood of Lincoln,	H. Butterworth

J.

John Barleycorn,	Jack London
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K.

Kent Knowles—Quahaug,	Joseph C. Lincoln
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L.

Little Eve Edgerton,	Eleanor Abbott
Life and Letters of H. B. Stowe,	Annie Field

M.

Miss Gibbie Gault,	Kate L. Boshier
Molly Brown's Freshman Days,	Nell Speed
Molly Brown's Sophomore Days,	Nell Speed
Molly Brown's Junior Days,	Nell Speed
Molly Brown's Senior Days,	Nell Speed
Molly Brown's Post-Graduate Days,	Nell Speed
Miss Billy,	Eleanor H. Porter
Miss Billy's Decision,	Eleanor H. Porter
Miss Billy Married,	Eleanor H. Porter
Mexico,	W. E. Carson
Martha and Cupid,	Julie M. Lippman
Making Over Martha,	Julie M. Lippman

O.

Old Mole,	Gilbert Cannen
Overland Red.	"
Once to Every Man,	Larry Evans

P.

Paul Rundel,	Will N. Harben
Pole Baker,	Will N. Harben
Partners of the Tide,	Joseph C. Lincoln

R.

Rebecca Mary,
Round the Corner in Gay Street,
Sunshine Jane,

Annie H. Donnell
Grace L. Richmond
Anne Warner

S.

Strawberry Acres,
Sunrise Valley,
Sidney Carteret—Rancher,
Sweetapple Cove,
Social Life in Old New England,

Grace L. Richmond
Marion Hill
Harold Bindloss
George Van Schaick
Mary C. Crawford

T.

The Valiants of Virginia.
The White Linen Nurse,
The Light of Western Stars,
The Broken Halo,
The House of Happiness,
The Desired Woman.
The World I Live In,
The Best Man,
The Taste of Apples,
The Story of Waitstill Baxter,
The Congresswoman,
The Iron Trail,
The Hills o' Hampshire,
The Promised Land,
T. Tembarom,
Tony the Tramp,
The Miracle Man,
The Sinking of the Merrimac,
The Lights are Bright,
The Keeper of the Vineyard,
The Maid of the Whispering Hills,
The House of Thane,
The Old Adam,
The Turn of the Road,

Hallie E. Rives
Eleanor H. Abbott
Jane Grey
Florence L. Barclay
Kate L. Bosher
Will N. Harben
Helen Keller
Grace L. H. Lutz
Jeanette Lee
Kate D. Wiggin
Isabel G. Curtis
Rex Beach
Will M. Cressey
Mary Antia
Frances H. Burnett
Horatio Alger, Jr.
Frank L. Packer
R. P. Hobson
Louise R. Mabie
Caroline A. Stanley
Vingie E. Roe
Elizabeth De Jeans
Arnold Bennett
Eugenie B. Frothingham

The Precipice,	Elia W. Peattie
The Keeper of the Vineyard,	Caroline A. Staley
The Misadventures of Three Good Boys,	Henry A. Shute
The Scarlet Rider,	Bertha Runkle
The Long Way,	Mary I. Taylor
The Call of the Cumberlands,	Chas. M. Buck
The Boss of Wind River,	A. M. Chisholm
The Indifference of Juliet,	Grace L. Richmond
The Eyes of the World,	Harold Bell Wright
The Upas Tree,	Florence L. Barclay
The Strange Woman,	Sidney McCall
The Gold Trail,	Harold Bindloss
The Last Shot,	Frederic Palmer
The Patrol of the Sundance Trail,	Ralph Connor
The Wall of Partition,	Florence L. Barclay
The Heritage of the Desert,	Jane Grey
The Vanished Messenger,	E. P. Oppenheim
The Victory of Allan Rutledge,	Alex. Corkey
The Dons of the Old Pueblo,	Percival J. Cooney
The Postmaster,	Joseph C. Lincoln
The Man of the Desert,	Grace L. H. Lutz
The White Shield,	Myrtle Reed
The New Clarion,	Will N. Harben
The Philippine Problem,	Fred Chamberlain

W.

World's End,	Amelia Rives
Westways,	S. Weir Mitchell
Winning the Wilderness,	M. H. McCarter
With Juliet in England,	Grace L. Richmond
When Patty Went to College,	Jean Webster
What Happened to Mary,	Robert C. Brown

Y.

You Never Know Your Luck,	Gilbert Parker
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

TEACHERS

Bertha M. Chandler,	\$18 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	24 00
Mabel L. Smith,	22 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Mabel L. Smith,	44 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Mabel L. Smith,	44 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	48 00
Bertha M. Chandler,	36 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	48 00
Mabel L. Smith,	44 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Margaret R. Tracy,	48 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	50 00
Dora Cohen,	44 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Margaret R. Tracy,	48 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	50 00
Dora Cohen,	44 00

Margaret R. Tracy,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Margaret R. Tracy,	48 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	50 00
Dora Cohen,	44 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Margaret R. Tracy,	24 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	25 00
Dora Cohen,	22 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Margaret R. Tracy,	48 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	50 00
Martha M. Pattee,	24 00
Dora Cohen,	11 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
Clarissa G. Hall,	50 00
Martha M. Pattee,	32 00
Margaret R. Tracy,	48 00
Mrs. L. E. Marble,	24 00
	\$1,640 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Albert Little, 2 cords of wood,	\$ 9 00
Ernest Kimball, labor,	3 95
J. H. Smith, wood and labor,	24 70
Insurance,	40 00
Charles E. Merrill, oil for floor,	1 20
Daisy M. Hartford, cleaning and oiling floor at Depot school,	1 50
Daisy M. Hartford, cleaning Center school house,	3 00
Richard Heald,	60
Ernest Kimball, labor,	2 00

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E. O. Douglass, jacket for stove,	5 00
Wheeler Printing office,	65
Walter Kimball, labor,	1 00
Salem school district, tuition Iola Conley,	6 00
H. L. Winslow, small expense,	9 92
Albert Little, wood,	18 00
Ernest Kimball, labor,	1 50
Murray & Duddale, repairing parts,	4 30
H. N. Sawyer, labor cleaning school house,	3 00
J. Marin & Co., by H. N. Sawyer, coal,	34 00
B. O. Wood, wood and labor,	6 00
H. N. Sawyer, wood and oil,	4 00
George A. Page, treasurer,	12 00
	\$191 32

FLAG

J. M. Goodrich,	\$1 75
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TUITIONS

Trustees of Atkinson Academy,	\$126 00
Trustees of Atkinson Academy,	252 00
Trustees of Atkinson Academy,	228 00
	\$606 00

MUSIC

Wm. E. Hartwell,	\$28 00
Wm. E. Hartwell,	40 00
Wm. E. Hartwell,	38 50
	\$106 50

SUPERINTENDENT

Howard L. Winslow,	\$29 00
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Howard L. Winslow,	29 00
Howard L. Winslow,	29 00
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Henry C. Brown, joint district treasurer,	87 00
Henry C. Brown, joint district treasurer,	75 00
Henry C. Brown, joint district treasurer,	85 00
	\$363 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

D. C. Heath & Co., books,	\$ 1 39
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books,	5 30
Charles F. Partridge,	5 91
Rand, McNally Co.,	18 75
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	2 87
R. E. Lane,	3 61
Little, Brown & Co.,	2 02
J. L. Hammett Co.,	7 25
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	10 64
Wheeler Printing office,	2 39
Wheeler Printing office, report cards,	2 50
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	2 03
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	9 05
J. L. Hammett Co.,	5 26
Milton Bradley Co.,	6 70
Ginn & Co.,	4 00
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	48
	\$ 90 20

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REPAIRS

O. L. Whittaker,	68 49
John H. Smith,	58
Salem School District,	2 00
O. L. Whittaker,	11 85
	\$82 92

DESKS

Kenney Bros. & Wolkens,	\$102 40
	\$102 40

JANITOR

Steven Wheeler,	\$2 50
Mabel L. Smith,	2 50
Steven Wheeler,	2 60
Richard Heald, labor and repairs,	5 50
Steven Wheeler ,	3 00
Richard Heald,	6 00
Mable L. Smith,	3 00
Clifton T. Bonney,	4 30
R. L. Heald,	7 00
Dora Cohen,	3 50
H. N. Sawyer,	6 00
	\$45 90,

CARRYING CHILDREN

A. C. Ackley,	\$43 75
A. C. Ackley,	62 50
A. C. Ackley,	56 25
	\$162 50

ATKINSON FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1915

Revenue

Cash on hand,	\$572 97
Literary fund,	60 72
State aid for average attendance,	105 00
State aid for qualified teachers,	196 00
State aid for tuition rebate,	77 20
State aid for superintendent's salary,	160 00
Repairs,	600 00
Repairs,	100 00
New desks for Center school,	100 00
Books and supplies,	130 10
Flags and appurtenances,	10 00
Treasurer,	12 00
Dog tax,	88 85
Salem school district tuitions,	46 00
Tax required by law,	660 00
Voted at school meeting,	940 00
	\$3,858 74

EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDING

FEB. 15, 1915

Teachers,	\$1,640 00
Carrying children,	162 50
Janitor,	45 90
Books and supplies ,	90 20
Music,	106 50
Superintendent,	363 00
Repairs,	82 92
Desks,	102 40
Flag,	1 75
Tuitions in academy,	606 00
Miscellaneous,	191 32
Cash in treasury,	466 25
	\$3,858 74

HERBERT N. SAWYER,

School Board

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand, Feb 15, 1914,	\$572 97
Received from Salem School District for tuition.,	46 00
Town treasurer school money,	2,552 00
Literary fund,	60 72
Proportion of school fund,	538 20
Balance of dog licenses 1913,	88 85
	\$3,858 74

He credits himself as follows:

Paid school orders,	\$3,392 49
Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$466 25

GEORGE A. PAGE,

School Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Atkinson, N. H. Feb. 23, 1915.

The Auditor has examined and audited the report of the School Board and its Treasurer and finds their report to be correctly compiled and all payments properly vouch-
ed for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER,

Auditor

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Atkinson:

I have the honor to present my third annual report as superintendent of your schools. The statistical tables, at least, should be carefully read by all since the relative progress and standing of your schools is told there in exact figures. Atkinson still stands in the front rank of towns reporting a high per cent of attendance, 94, and this too covering a winter the most severe of the five years covered by these tables. The number of tardy marks increases, but not excessively. Tardiness is a habit and should be carefully guarded against by parents as well as teachers. The enrollment increases slightly, being the largest in five years. Only one pupil braved all the cold and storms of the year and is enrolled at the head of the roll of honor. During the fall term of this year 1-3 of the pupils were perfect in attendance.

Graduation exercises were held June 11th at which 12 pupils received diplomas. In connection with the exercises an exhibition of school work was held. This feature will be made an annual part of the exercises. Every pupil in the district will exhibit at least one piece of actual school work.

We were fortunate in retaining Miss Hall at the Center school and Mrs. Marble at the Sawyer school. Miss Margaret R. Tracy, a graduate of Salem Normal School, a teacher who had proven successful in Salem, accepted the Depot school. She is holding her pupils rigorously to the course of study and doing good work. Miss Dora Cohen succeeded Miss Smith at North Atkinson, but remained only one term, a persistent "Teacher's Agency" being responsible for the change. While here Miss Cohen and the pupils sold library certificates and secured 40 books for a school library. Mrs. Marble is

working on the same project, a commendable effort which parents should support.

Five teachers agencies failed to find me a trained successor to Miss Cohen and Miss Martha Pattee was given the school. She gives every promise of being successful. She is the only teacher not a normal graduate or holder of a state certificate.

Mr. Hartwell's health has been better this year and his work little interrupted. His report does not tell all the story of his faithful work.

A few figures are here submitted relative to the cost of the schools. The figures are based on the average attendance in the elementary schools.

Average cost of schooling per pupil,	\$40 53
Average cost of teaching per pupil,	25 41
Average cost of books and supplies,	1 51

Modern seats and desks have been installed in the Center school according to the vote of the district. This year the Depot school should be thus equipped. At this school the stove has been jacketed and storm windows placed on the north end. Temperature records show that these improvements have made the building easier to heat evenly and more comfortable. The stove at the Center school should have been jacketed but is in such shape that a new stove must be supplied next year. The Depot stove is in poor condition but I think it can do service one more year. The pupils of the Sawyer school raised money to beautify their school room and a great improvement has been made.

This school building is far from being adequate to our needs. There are 19 pupils enrolled with a promise of more next fall. The dimensions of this room are as follows: Height 8 1-3 ft.; width 15 2-3 ft.; length 18 1-4 ft. which gives a cubic content of 134 ft. per pupil, where as the accepted standard is 225 ft. This room therefore

should only seat 11 pupils instead of 19. Nor is this the worst feature owing to the small space the desks are so near the windows that ventilation from this source is almost impossible and the door must be kept open most of the time, causing a draft upon the feet. What I would like to say about the one room toilet had better be left unsaid. The teacher is vigilant but the room is not adequate. Any sanitary commission would condemn it. It is unwise to spend money for a new toilet here or to lay out one cent on repairs on the old school building. It is built of brick and cannot be moved and any addition can not be made in its present location. The children play in the street and on Mr. Sawyer's lawn. The street is dangerous since cattle are daily driven over it and automobiles frequently pass this corner.

By petition an article is inserted in the warrant for a new building. This article must pass sooner or later.

Since my last report a new town has been added to the supervisory district. The cost to your town has been slightly reduced while the work has remained the same. I am still able to make weekly visits to all schools, and in fact have made more visits this year than last because I could use my automobile more, and was able to secure a good driving horse when the roads were unsuitable for the automobile.

In conclusion I think I can truthfully say, without fear of contradiction, that our schools are steadily improving. An extra week last year showed its results and I am gratified to find that this year we can reach the state recommendation of 36 weeks. A sympathetic School Board and patient public have made my work as pleasant as I could reasonably expect.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. WINSLOW

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, SEPT.,
1913 TO JUNE 1914

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy:

For the Year

Doris L. Freeman

For Two Terms

Bernice Barnum, Beatrice Barnum, Harold Brickett, Beatrice Bridges, Ruth Cole, Grace Cole, Paul Collette, Ethel Dore, Thelma Fuller, Jesse Fuller, Harold Poor, Adin Poor, Milton Pressey, Sibyl Witeneck.

For One Term

Blanche Brickett, Blanche Cole, Wendell Fuller, Florence Hartford, Bernice Poor, Eleanor Pressey, Abbie Williams, Stephen Wheeler, Annie H. Wood.

Summary by Schools

	Year	Two Terms	One Term
Center,	0	3	1
Depot,	0	3	3
Sawyer,	1	5	3
North,	0	3	2

VITAL STATISTICS FOR LAST FIVE YEARS.

School Year (Sept. to June)	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910
Total enrollment	81	67	77	74	78
Boys	34	30	30	28	36
Girls	47	37	47	46	42
Average attendance in all schools together	62	54	59	57	59
Average absence in all schools together	4	3	4	4	5
Average membership in all schools together	66	57	63	61	64
Per cent of attendance in all schools together	94	94.5	94	94	92
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	1	7	4	5	8
Number of pupils attending the Academy	12	16	19	27	17
Average length of the year in weeks	35	34	31	30.68	32½
Number of different regular teachers employed	4	4	4	5	5
Average salary of teachers per month	\$44.00	\$42.00	\$40.00	\$40.80	\$37.60
Number of certified and normal school graduates	3	2	1	1	2

PROMOTION, RETARDATION, AND LOSS.

Grade	1-	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of pupils promoted to next grade during or at the end of school year	6	7	9	5	12	15	2	13
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year not promoted.....	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	2
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there two years	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there three years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there more than three years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of pupils who have left school and whose school life has presumably ended during year..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average age of class at the beginning of school year.....	6-3	8-1	8-3	10-6	10-1	11-6	12.	14-2

STATISTICAL RETURNS

Name of School	North			Depot			Sawyer			Center		
	*Mable L. Smith			Bertha M. Chandler			*Mrs. L. E. Marble			**Clarissa G. Hall		
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	*Mable L. Smith			Bertha M. Chandler			*Mrs. L. E. Marble			**Clarissa G. Hall		
	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
Length of term	13	10	12	13	10	12	13	10	12	13	10	12
Different pupils regis- tered	13	13	13	18	19	21	16	15	17	23	22	24
Boys	6	6	6	7	7	12	7	6	6	10	10	10
Girls	7	7	7	11	12	9	9	9	11	13	12	13
Tuition pupils	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Average attendance	13	11	12	16	13	19	15	14	14	20	18	21
Average absence		2.5	1	1	3	1	.4	.6	.4	1	1.5	1
Average membership ...	13	13	13	17	16	20	15	15	14	21	20	22
Per cent attendance	98	81	92	94	82	95	97	96	97	95	92	99
Tardinesses	19	41	35	1	2	9	5	3	3	2	23	21
Visits, Superintendent ..	8	4	9	10	5	9	13	8	8	15	10	12
Visits, Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visits, others	21	9	11	24	19	15	2	5	5	3	14	5
Wages per month	36	44	44	36	36	36	48	48	48	48	48	48
Not absent or tardy	4	1	3	4	2	0	8	3	1	4	3	0

Per cent of pupils entering Academy from graduates 100.

* Holds State Certificate.

** Graduate of Normal School.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To Superintendent Winslow and School Board of Atkinson:

I am asked to submit a report of that which is being accomplished in the schools of Atkinson in the study of music. This year has been very fruitful, especially in the better understanding of the pupils with regard to the intricacies of rhythmic work. Were the parents and friends of the children to visit the schools and witness the ease with which the time language is being applied, and the great interest of the pupils in this subject, and, I might also add, everything pertaining to the study of music,—they could not fail to catch, in a measure, much of the zeal and pleasure of the children. Like all other school studies, the technical part of musical expression has to be thoroughly understood by the pupils, and then there is no lack of enthusiasm or desire on their part to express what they have learned, either individually or collectively.

So the endeavor this year has been to reach the individual pupil in all the grades, and increased success has crowned our efforts. The practice of bringing the several schools of the town together once or twice a season for chorus as well as individual school singing, has been of great benefit musically at least. It tends to create a spirit of competition, and desire to excel, which cannot fail of improvement. If provision were made, at a small cost, to bring outlying schools in to the center for these meetings, so that a full attendance would be assured, even greater success would follow; so it appears to your supervisor.

One of the largest and most successful in the town, is the Sawyer school—so large in fact, that all possible space is occupied by the pupils, with barely room for the teachers—and here is shown the greatest ardor and plea-

sure by the pupils of any school in town, in all lines of musical study. Should additions be made to the enrollment here, the little brick schoolhouse would have to be enlarged, and the singing would be somewhat improved by the increased space.

Improvement is noted at the smallest school in town—the North school, so called,—where the pupils are few, and they, mostly all of lower grades. Here is installed a new teacher—the second this year—who is doing much for the children in the study of music.

The Center school is fully as large as last year, and is also showing improvement in some directions. The pupils do better rhythmic work, as well as improved part singing than they have in former years.

At the Depot school a large percent is reading music intelligently, and some good part singing is heard. Particular attention is given to subject of time and the story of the keys.

Permission is asked in this report to add a few lines regarding the study of music at the academy. With the improved facilities of the reconstructed building has come many other good features, among which is the greatly enlarged enrollment—almost an entire new school, in fact, but musical ability sufficient for a promising future is evident, which will be made manifest in due time.

My thanks are due to the excellent corps of teachers for co-operation, to the pupils, for courteous treatment; to superintendent of schools and school board for encouraging words and all needed supplies,

Yours respectfully

W. E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 12, 1915.

STATISTICS
OF THE
Town of Atkinson, N. H.
For the Year 1914

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Sex and Condition

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child 1st, 2d, &c.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar. 12	Harold E. Clevesy	M	L	3rd	Joseph E. Clevesy	Viola Marshall	Nova Scotia	Charlestown, Mass.
Apr. 23	George K. Mason	M	L	2nd	George H. Mason	Sadie A. Symonds	Atkinson, N. H.	Hill, N. H.
Apr. 28	Cathelane E. Barnum	F	L	5th	Ernest Barnum	Ethel Greene	Frylsburg, Can.	Haverhill, Mass.
Aug. 9	Edred R Woodworth	M		2nd	Merton E. Woodworth	Betsy B. Barrows	Canada	Haverhill, Mass.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914.

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age of Each in Years	Color of Each	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Condition		Name, Residence and Official of Person by Whom Married
						Whether Single or	What Marriage— Whether 1st, 2d, &c.	
Aug. 4	Salem, N. H. Arthur G. Wood	24	W	Boston, Mass.	Benjamin O. Wood Margaret McCabe	Single	Widowed	R. Albert Goodwin, Clergyman
	Salem, N. H. Carrie Mae Gibson	22	W	Haverhill, Mass.	Luther H. Gibson Ada Larrabee	Single	Single	Atkinson, N. H.
Nov. 1	Atkinson, N. H. Leslie J. Owen	21	W	Augusta, Me.	Neil Owen Lillian A. Eaton	2nd Mrg.	Divorced	R. Albert Goodwin, Clergyman
	Atkinson, N. H. Lillian B. Beal	20	W	Atkinson	Charles Beal Emma	Single	Single	Atkinson, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914.

Place of Birth
Sex and Condition

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y M D	Male Female	Color	Single, Married, or Widowed	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death
Mar. 16	Isaac S. Noyes	82 11 19	Atkinson, N. H. M	W	M	William Noyes	Lydia Clark	Gangrene
Apr. 5	Delnia B. Cloutier	77 10 1	—P. Q. F	W	M	Louis Bourgeault	Mary Perodeau	Apoplexy
June 2	Orra M. Moody	66 6 12	Sanford, Me. F	W	M	Joseph P. Shorey	Almira Earle	Cancer
Sept. 14	Frank W. Bullens	56 8 7	M	W	M	Harry W. Bullens	Carrie Mayo	Tuberculosis

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

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